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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Wu, et al.

EXAMINER: Raymond Covington

APPLICATION NO: 10/719,187

ART UNIT: 1625

FILED: November 21, 2003

FOR: 3-HETEROCYCLIC BENZYLAMIDE DERIVATIVES AS POTASSIUM
CHANNEL OPENERS

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER RULE 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

A shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, was due March 15, 2005. Submitted herewith is a request for an extension of time of three (3) months in which to reply. Accordingly, the extended due date for reply is June 15, 2005.

Applicant respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.